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SUBJECT: NEUES DEUTSCHLANDREACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S SAN
FRANCISCO SPEECH

1. THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY, NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND(ND), REACTED ON FEBRUARY 6 TO THE SECRETARY'S
SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH BY VIRUTALLY CARBON-COPYING THE TASS
AND PRAVDA REPORTING . IN ND'S VIEW TWO THEMES ARE PERCEIVED
IN THE

SPEECH, ONE GOOD AND ONE BAD. TACKLING THE" GOOD NEWS"

FIRST, THE ARTICLE TRACES THE SECRETARY'S LOGIC OF THE
NECESSITY OF DETENTE. HALF THE ARTICLE IS THEN GIVEN
OVER TO AN EXPLANATION OF THE OBJECTIVE UNDERPINNINGS

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FOR A SALT AGREEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING THIS,ND TURNS TO THE " BAD NEWS" IN THE SPEECH BY REPEATING THE SECRETARY'S CHARGES OF " SOVIET EXPANSIONISM...AGRESSIVE INTENTIONS...INTERVENTION" IN ANGOLA(ND QUOTES). THE CHARGES ARE BRANDED A DISREGARD FOR THE REALITY OF SOVIET POLICY WHICH IS ONE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND NON-INTERVENTION. THE ARTICLE ENDS WITH A CAPSULE RUN-DOWN, SOURCED TO TASS, OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: TWO POINTS IN THIS OTHERWISE PREDICTABLE ARTICLE ARE WORTH NOTING.FIRST, THE OVERWHELMING EMPHASIS IS ON SALT AND THE NEED FOR ACHIEVING A U.S./ SOVIET AGREEMENT, A MESSAGE CLEARLY INTENDED NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. SECONDLY, BY SPELLING OUT AND THEN ATTEMPTING TO TURN AROUND U.S. CHARGES REGARDING SOVIET ANGOLA POLICY, THE ARTICLE SEEMSTO COME OFF A BIT WEAK FOR AN EAST GERMAN READERSHIP WITH READYACCESS TO WESTERN BROADCAST REPORTING.GROVE

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